



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

KENT STATE SHOOTING

PART 1 OF 8

FILE NUMBER: 98-46479

UNITED STATES

MENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *7/5*

DATE: May 5, 1970

FROM : G. D. Brennan *6/5*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU), Kent,
Ohio, May 2, 1970

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Since 5/1/70 civil disturbances on the campus of KSU have resulted in extensive damage to property. On 5/2/70 unknown persons destroyed an ROTC facility on the campus by fire. These disturbances were highlighted by the death of four students and wounding of several others. On 5/4/70 the Internal Security Division of the Department requested an investigation be conducted to determine whether violations of sabotage, sedition and civil rights laws have been committed in connection with the bombing of the ROTC building.

An investigation as to sabotage has been initiated by the Cleveland Division which is being advised by the attached teletype to initiate an urgent investigation with regard to the other aspects of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached teletype to Cleveland be approved.

Enclosure *sent*
5-5-70

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. T. P. Rosack
- 1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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TO SAC, CLEVELAND

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

Reserve Officers Training

UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, LAST; SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY.

REURTELS MAY TWO - FOUR, LAST, IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

ON MAY FOUR, LAST, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED CONCERNING THE FIRE BOMBING OF THE ROTC FACILITY AT KSU ON MAY TWO, LAST, AS POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION TWO ONE FIVE THREE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (SABOTAGE), SECTION TWO THREE EIGHT EIGHT, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (SEDITION) AND SECTION TWO FOUR FIVE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY). IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANTIVE VIOLATIONS OF THESE SECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED IT DESIRES INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH A CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY ROTC AND REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING: NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS SETTING FIRE TO BUILDING AND NAMES OF PERSONS ORGANIZING, INSTIGATING OR INCITING DAMAGE.

OBTAIN POST-ACT OR PRE-ACT STATEMENTS BY LEADERS INCLUDING

SPEECHES URGING ABOLISHMENT OF ROTC; ANY LEAFLETS OR OTHER

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TELETYPE TO SAC, CLEVELAND
RE: UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70

PRINTED MATERIAL AUTHORED AND DISTRIBUTED BY SUCH PERSONS DURING
THE SAME ACTION SHOULD BE OBTAINED. DETERMINE WHETHER DISRUPTIVE
ACTIONS WERE THE RESULT OF SDS OR OTHER MILITANT NEW LEFT LEADER-
SHIP OR THE ACTS OF LOCAL GROUPS ON INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE WITHOUT
ADVICE FROM NATIONAL OR OTHER OUTSIDE INFLUENCES. SUBMIT REPORT
IN TWO WEEKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION EIGHTY-SIX, MANUAL OF
INSTRUCTIONS, AND ASSIGN SUFFICIENT MANPOWER IN ORDER THAT A
COMPLETE REPORT MAY BE PREPARED TO OBTAIN A PROMPT OPINION FROM
THE DEPARTMENT.

NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan,
dated 5/5/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:djb.

5/6/70

Airtel

1 - Mr. E. J. McDonough
1 - Mr. T. P. Rosack
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

To: SAC, Cleveland

From: Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Firebombing of
Army ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.
5/2/70

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

ReButel 5/5/70.

Referenced teletype advised that the Department has requested an investigation be conducted concerning the firebombing of the captioned facility on 5/2/70.

There are enclosed for your assistance in connection with this investigation two copies of the letter from the Department dated 5/4/70 which requested this investigation.

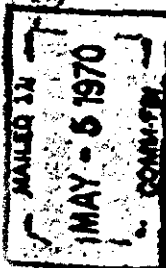
Also enclosed for your assistance is a set of instructions relating to ROTC sabotage cases. These instructions represent inquiries which have been specifically made by the Department in other current cases of this type and should be followed along with those specific instructions relating to the other characters in the above caption.

Enclosures - 3

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NOTE:

By teletype 5/5/70, Cleveland was advised that the Department requested sabotage, sedition, and civil rights investigation be conducted with regard to firebombing of ROTC at Kent State University, Ohio, 5/2/70. Copies of the Department's letter requesting this investigation is being furnished Cleveland along with specific instructions relating to the investigation of ROTC sabotage cases based on recent requests by the Department.



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TELETYPE

FBI CLEVELAND

2:00PM URGENT 5-7-70 AFS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ALBANY, BALTIMORE, BUFFALO, CINCINNATI,
NEWARK, AND PITTSBURGH

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 4P

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT
STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY.
SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO THE BUREAU, MAY SIX, SEVENTY.
FOR INFOR OF ALL OFFICES, ABOUT EIGHT PM ON EVENING OF
MAY TWO, LAST, ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KSU, WAS DESTROYED BY
FIRE DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTION. ESTIMATED CROWD OF SIX
HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS WERE GATHERED ADJACENT TO BUILDING DURING
INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES INDICATED THAT ABOUT FIFTY TO
SEVENTYFIVE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN
THROWING ROCKS AND DEBRIS AT BUILDING AND BREAKING WINDOWS
IN BUILDING. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO SET BUILDING
ON FIRE.

CLEVELAND OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
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WITNESSES WHO CAN IDENTIFY UNSUBS. HOWEVER, CAMPUS WAS
CLOSED MAY FOUR, LAST BY OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AND STUDENTS WERE
EVACUATED. NO DATE HAS BEEN RELEASED FOR REOPENING OF
CAMPUS.

CLEVELAND THEREFORE SETTING OUT LEADS TO HAVE POSSIBLE
WITNESSES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT HOME ADDRESSES.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ADVISED KSU PD THAT THEY WITNESSED
BURNING:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], OHIO.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE TREATED AND RELEASED FROM
CAMPUS HEALTH CENTER EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST AND WERE POSSIBLY
AT BURNING:

[REDACTED], PITTS-
BURGH, PA., TREATED FOR CUTS ON HAND;

[REDACTED]
TOLDEO, OHIO, TREATED FOR CUTS ON HAND.-

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[REDACTED] NO STREET ADDRESS AVAILABLE, BEVERLY,
OHIO, TREATED FOR WOUND TO LEFT KNEE. 7C

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL WAS TREATED FOR HEARING LOSS
ON MAY FOUR, LAST AND REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED BURNING AT HEALTH
CENTER: *aka Peter A. Bliek* 6710

PETER CHARLES BLIEK, THIRTYFOUR HIGHWOOD ROAD, ROCHESTER,
NEW YORK.

[REDACTED] 7C
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
INQUIRIES WITH ROTC PERSONNEL DETERMINED FOLLOWING ROTC
CADETS ON CAMPUS AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO AND WERE PARTICIPATING
IN ROTC EXERCISES, FOLLOWING WHICH THEY WERE CONFRONTED WITH
STUDENTS HECKLERS:

[REDACTED] COLUMBUS, OHIO;
[REDACTED]
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, A FORMER CADET ALSO PRESENT; 7C

[REDACTED] . PITTS-
BURGH, PA.;

END PAGE THREE

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[REDACTED] WHO REPORTEDLY HAS
INFO ABOUT HIPPIE-TYPE INDIVIDUALS IN VOLKSWAGEN ON KSU
CAMPUS NIGHT OF BURNING.

[REDACTED], AKRON, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] A KSU STUDENT, CAN IDENTIFY A KSU
PROFESSOR, WHO ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE AND THREATENED
THEM WITH GRADES IF THEY DID NOT. [REDACTED] ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN.
HOWEVER, HER MOTHER IS REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OHIO.

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE PROMPTLY INTERVIEWED RE
CAPTIONED MATTER FOR ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION, IT BEING
NOTED THE CLEVELAND OFFICE IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP INFO
RE POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO BURN BUILDING AND IS CONDUCTING
POSSIBLE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION RE SHOOTING OF KSU
STUDENTS ON CAMPUS ON MAY FOUR LAST.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESULTS SHOULD BE FURNISHED CLEVELAND
BY FD-THREE ZERO TWO'S.

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1007PM URGENT 5-7-70 GDS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officer Training Corps

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIV., (KSU),
KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

SUMMARY

RE CLEVELAND TEL, MAY SIX, LAST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE WITNESSES RE CAPTIONED
MATTER AND IDENTIFY UNSUBS.

[REDACTED] KSU STUDENT AND WITNESS TO FIRE, ADVISED THIS
DATE HE OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES SOAK RAG IN GASOLINE FROM
TANK OF MOTORCYCLE NEAR SCENE AND PROCEED TO START A FIRE
IN ROTC BLDG. [REDACTED] HAS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN
INDIVIDUAL IN PHOTO OF GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS AS REC-32
ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WHO STARTED FIRE. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO

DETERMINE IDENTITY OF UNSUB IN PHOTO. 10 MAY 8 1970

INQUIRIES THIS DATE DETERMINED THAT FACULTY AND STUDENT

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DEPUTIES APPOINTED BY KSU ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPTED TO REASON WITH AND DISPERSE CROWD PRIOR TO FIRE. IDENTITIES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BEING OBTAINED, AND THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

PHOTOS WERE TAKEN THIS DATE OF DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY KENT PD IN SEARCH OF RESIDENCE AT TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE-HALF NORTH WATER ST., KENT, OH MAY FOUR, LAST. ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW ARRESTEES INVOLVED IN THIS SEARCH; HOWEVER IT WAS LEARNED THEY WERE RELEASED FROM PORTAGE COUNTY JAIL MORNING OF MAY FIVE, LAST.

IT IS NOTED THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING COORDINATED WITH CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION AT KSU AND DEATHS OF FOUR STUDENTS, MAY FOUR, LAST.

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5/11/70

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A/RTTEL

To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI

UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70
SABOTAGE

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Reurtel 5/9/70 and Bureau telephone call 5/10/70.

This confirms referenced Bureau telephone call to
SA [redacted] wherein Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division of Department,
verbally authorized a search warrant for the off-campus
residence of [redacted] as requested in referenced
teletype. **7C**

As you were telephonically advised, you should insure
the United States Attorney is kept fully apprised of all
pertinent developments and the Bureau is likewise kept fully
apprised so that Assistant Attorney General Yeagley may be kept
currently advised.

MAILED 6
MAY 11 1970
COMM-FBI

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NOTE:

Telephone call made to Cleveland in view of exigency
of the situation and time being of essence.

See memorandum J. A. Sizoo to Mr. W. C. Sullivan,
captioned as above, dated 5/10/70, prepared by RLS:bjp.

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11:15 PM URGENT 5-10-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officer

TRAINING CAMP

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIV., KENT
OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY, SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED TODAY AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN
ST., KENT, OHIO, BUT NO INCENDIARIES OR SIMILAR ARTICLES LOCATED.
LITERATURE ON PREMISES INDICATES RESIDENTS MEMBERS OF OR
SYMPATHETIC WITH SDS AND OTHER RADICAL GROUPS. SOME CLOTHING
INCLUDING JACKET, PANTS SEIZED BUT NO EVIDENCE OF INCENDIARY MATERIAL
ON THESE ARTICLES. ITEMS WILL BE SENT TO LABORATORY MAY ELEVEN
SEVENTY.

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*Included in addendum to
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1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

May 12, 1970

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

By teletype dated May 9, 1970, the Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised [REDACTED] Parma, Ohio, had been identified as the individual who was observed dropping a gasoline-soaked rag into a window at the ROTC Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970, when that facility was burned.

On May 10, 1970, you were contacted by telephone and verbally authorized the Cleveland Division to obtain a search warrant for [REDACTED]'s off-campus residence in order that a search could be made for evidence of his involvement in this fire bombing.

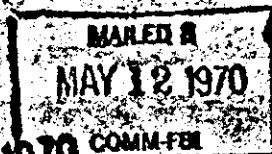
For your information, this search warrant was executed on May 10, 1970. No incendiary devices or similar articles were located by this search. Literature on the premises appeared to have been published by Students for a Democratic Society or other radical groups. Some clothing was seized for examination by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory. The results of such examination will be promptly furnished to you.

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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NOTE: At the request of Cleveland, Assistant Attorney General Yeagley was contacted 5/10/70 and authorized a search warrant for an individual identified as participating in the fire bombing of the ROTC Building at KSU 5/2/70. AAG, Yeagley, being advised as to the results of this search.

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146PM URGENT 5-11-70 PMB

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 5P

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIV., KENT STATE UNIV., KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY.
SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES, MAY TEN,
LAST.

INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER DEVELOPED INDIVI-
DUALS RESIDING IN RESIDENCE LOCATED TWO THREE ZERO EAST
MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OR HAVE BEEN ACTIVE
PARTICIPANTS IN CAPTIONED BURNING.

ON MAY TEN, LAST, SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED AT TWO THREE
ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, AND NUMEROUS SDS AND NEW LEFT TYPE
LITERATURE OBSERVED AND SOME OF IT SEIZED. IT WAS DETER-
MINED FOLLOWING SEVEN PEOPLE ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS HOUSE:

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[REDACTED] OHIO
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ON NIGHT OF BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. THERE WAS A GATHERING
AT RESIDENCE WHERE AFOREMENTIONED PEOPLE RESIDE AND ALSO
PRESENT WERE SEVERAL FEMALES: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THESE FEMALES, ALONG WITH THE RESIDENTS, HAD
A SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER AT WHICH THEY TOASTED MARSHMELLOWS
AND COOKED HOT DOGS. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT FOUR MALES
RAN INTO THE HOUSE DURING THIS GATHERING AND STATED THEY HAD
JUST SET FIRE TO THE ROTC BLDG.; HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN
DETERMINED WHETHER THEY MEANT THEMSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS OR
THE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO WERE OUTSIDE THE ROTC BUILDING
HAD ACTUALLY SET THE FIRE.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED, BUT DURING INTERVIEW WAS APPARENTLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS AND COULD NOT REMEMBER A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING BUT DID INDICATE HE FELT SOME INDIVIDUALS CAME INTO THE RESIDENCE AND MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT A FIRE. THAT NIGHT HE HAD A DATE WITH [REDACTED] HE INDICATED THAT AT PRESENT [REDACTED] IS AT HIS PHILADELPHIA ADDRESS. 7C

[REDACTED] HAS ALSO BEEN INTERVIEWED. HE RELATED THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSE WERE PRESENT THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING, AS WELL AS THE FEMALES, AND THE ONLY TWO WHO COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN AWAY FROM THE HOUSE AND WHOM HE CONSIDERED "MOBILE" WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]. HE ALSO STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS GONE FROM THE RESIDENCE SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE BURNING AND DISTURBANCES AT KSU AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE ROOMMATES, AND BY VIRTUE OF WHAT WAS OBSERVED IN THEIR ROOM THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEW LEFT ACTIVITIES.

[REDACTED] IS ALSO APPARENTLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEW LEFT ACTIVITIES SINCE IN HIS ROOM AND AMONG HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS WERE OBSERVED LITERATURE AS WELL AS PEACE SYMBOLS AND ARM
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BANDS WHICH WOULD BE UTILIZED BY DEMONSTRATORS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE ROTC BLDG. WAS BURNED AND SOME TIME DURING THAT DAY THERE WAS A VISITOR AT THE HOUSE NAMED [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] STUDENT AT SOUTHERN ILL. UNIV. CARBONDALE, ILL., RESIDING ON CAMPUS, IN ROOM EIGHT ZERO FOUR SCHEIDER HALL, SIU. HIS PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS. [REDACTED] ONE TWO NINE FOUR ZERO SUTH BALTIMORE, CHICAGO, ILL.

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ALL RECIPIENT OFFICES REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THEIR TERRITORIES OR SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DO SO AND DETERMINE THEIR ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BLDG. AT KSU, WHERE AND WITH WHOM THEY WERE THAT NIGHT, ANY INFO RE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER MEMBERS WHO RESIDE AT THE HOUSE, THEIR PHILOSOPHIES, THEIR ASSOCIATES, IF THEY HAVE ANY IDEA AS TO WHO MIGHT HAVE BURNED THE ROTC BLDG., OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERTINENT WITNESSES, [REDACTED] WHAT

[REDACTED] DID AND SAID AND THE PURPOSE FOR HIS VISIT TO KENT.

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AND ANY AND ALL INFO RELATIVE TO ALL OF THE DISTURBANCES AND VIOLENCE WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AT KSU. THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE VERY DETAILED AND PROBING SINCE IT IS FELT THESE PEOPLE ARE IN POSSESSION OF PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER.

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4:05 PM URGENT 5/8/70 IPC

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM NEWARK (98-2643) (RUC)

Reserve Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT
STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, FIVE TWO SEVENTY. SABOTAGE.

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RE CLEVELAND TEL FIVE SEVEN LAST.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PALMFIELD, NJ, REVEALED [REDACTED] FAMILY
LEFT AREA IN LATE NINETEEN SIXTY NINE.

[REDACTED] PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE, FURNISHED
FORWARDING ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] FAMILY AS [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: May 8, 1970

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State University,
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970.
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

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Reference is made to my previous memorandum of today.

Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent in Charge Cusick was advised at 5:15 p.m. this date that the deadline in submitting a report in this case has been extended to noon, May 14, 1970.

ACTION:

For information

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Menzel

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: CLEVELAND (98-2140)

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UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC, KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU).

KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CV.

STRE CLEVELAND TEL, MAY FOUR, LAST.

[REDACTED] FURNISHED INFO TODAY PROVIDED BY STUDENT [REDACTED] WHO WITNESSED CAPTIONED FIREBOMBING. [REDACTED] A STUDENT [REDACTED] WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO DISPERSE STUDENTS AROUND ROTC BUILDING, INDICATED THAT ABOUT FIFTY OF THE SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE CROWD WERE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AT THE BUILDING AND STARTING FIRE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW RE ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

OTHER KSU STUDENT WITNESSES IDENTIFIED ARE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW. CLEVELAND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (98-) 2PP

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UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY ELEVEN, INSTANT.

A COPY OF REFERENCED TELETYPE IS BEING FORWARDED LOUISVILLE
AMSD.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LOUISVILLE, CHICAGO, AND
CLEVELAND, EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (SIU) NEGATIVE. SIU OFFICIALS INDICATE [REDACTED]
REFERRED TO UNIVERSITY FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ASHLAND FEDERAL
YOUTH CENTER, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, JANUARY ONE, LAST. [REDACTED] LEFT
RESIDENCE, ROOM ONE ZERO THREE ONE, SCHNIDER HALL, APRIL THIRTEEN,
LAST, AFTER FORGING NAME OF A FELLOW STUDENT ON CHECK. FORMER
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ROOMMATE AND RESIDENT HALL SUPERVISORS HAVE NO IDEA AS TO [REDACTED]
WHEREABOUTS,

UNIVERSITY RECORDS INDICATE PARENTS, [REDACTED] 7C

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CONTACT WITH
U. S. PROBATION OFFICE, EAST ST. LOUIS, DEVELOPED THAT [REDACTED] IS
ON PAROLE BUT HAS NOT BEEN DECLARED AN "ABSCOUNDER" AS YET.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, SPRINGFIELD WILL RE-CONTACT CASE
OFFICER HANDLING U. S. PROBATION, EAST ST. LOUIS.

LOUISVILLE SHOULD REVIEW INSTITUTION FILES, ASHLAND, FOR
BACKGROUND RELATIVE TO [REDACTED]

CHICAGO RECONTACT PARENTS FOR INFORMATION AS TO [REDACTED] 7C
WHEREABOUTS, IT BEING NOTED PARENTS ADVISED APRIL TWENTYFIVE,
LAST, THAT [REDACTED] LEFT SIU.

INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] EX-CON AND POSSIBLY CONVICTED ON
NARCOTICS VIOLATION, CLEVELAND SHOULD BE ALERT FOR ANY OTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

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525PM URGENT 5-12-70 AJN

TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND 98-2140

FROM NEW YORK 98-3014

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Reserve Officer Training
UNSUBS, FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY
SABOTAGE, OO- CLEVELAND

RECUTEL TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND OTHER OFFICES, DATED
MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF
[REDACTED] PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK.

ON MAY TWELVE, NINETEEN SEVENTY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTED EARLY AM THIS DATE TO PICK UP BELONGINGS
AT RESIDENCE AT KENT OHIO, TWO THIRTY EAST MAIN STREET.

[REDACTED] TRAVELLING BY AUTO WITH UNIDENTIFIED KSU STUDENTS
RETURNING TO KSU. SHE ADVISED [REDACTED] MAY RETURN HOME BY
WEEKEND BUT STATED THAT INASMUCH AS HE IS VERY "MOBILE"
IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THE DATE OF HIS ACTUAL RETURN.

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IN KENFOUR INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, [REDACTED]

PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, A KSU STUDENT, WAS INTERVIEWED. DURING INTERVIEW, HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE NAMES OR ACTIVITIES OF ANY INDIVIDUALS PRESENT AT KSU DURING WEEKEND PRIOR TO AND ON DATE OF BOMBING. POSSIBILITY [REDACTED] RETURNING TO KSU WITH [REDACTED] IN INTERVIEW MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS RETURNING TO KSU EITHER MAY TWELVE OR MAY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY FOR BELONGINGS. ATTEMPTS TO RECONTACT [REDACTED] THIS DATE, AT RESIDENCE, NEGATIVE.

CLEVELAND CONSIDER RE-INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF ABOVE INDICATION THAT BOTH COME FROM SAME COMMUNITY, PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, AND HAVE RESIDENCES APPROXIMATELY SIX BLOCKS APART.

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UNSUB; FIRE BOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE

UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY

SABOTAGE

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN LAST.

YORKVILLE, OHIO.

THIS DATE ADVISED THEIR SON STILL RESIDING AT UNKNOWN FRATERNITY
HOUSE NEAR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY. NIGHT CODE HOME

SOME TIME DURING WEEKEND BUT EXACT TIME UNKNOWN.

CLEVELAND ATTEMPT CONTACT AT KENT, OHIO.

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3:17PM URGENT 5-11-70 KEM

TO DIRECTOR

BUFFALO

CLEVELAND (98-2148)

NEW YORK

FROM ALBANY (98-963) 4P

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE.
OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL MAY NINE LAST.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, RETEL ADVISED AT ABOUT EIGHT PM, EVENING
MAY TWO LAST, ARMY ROTC BUILDING AT KSU WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE
DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTION. CROWD OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS
WERE GATHERED ADJACENT TO BUILDING DURING INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY
INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT ABOUT FIFTY TO SEVENTYFIVE OF
THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AND
DEBRIS AT BUILDING AND BREAKING WINDOWS AT BUILDING. SOME OF
THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO SET BUILDING ON FIRE.

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CLEVELAND OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WITNESSES WHO CAN IDENTIFY UNSUBS. THEREFORE, CLEVELAND IS SETTING OUT LEADS TO HAVE POSSIBLE WITNESSES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT THEIR HOME ADDRESSES.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SIX KSU STUDENTS ARRESTED BY KENT PD EVENING OF MAY FOUR LAST, AND RELEASED MAY FIVE LAST. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED AT TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE HALF W. WATER ST., KENT, IN A RESIDENCE WHICH KENT PD BELIEVES WAS USED AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION.

[REDACTED], KENT, 7d
ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVES SDS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN A HOUSE [REDACTED] HE INDICATED THAT NUMEROUS "HIPPIE TYPE" INDIVIDUALS WERE AT HOUSE DURING DISRUPTION AT KSU. HE ADDED THAT ONLY A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS REMAINED AT HOUSE AND THAT THEY HAVE A GREEN TRIUMPH CAR WITH NEW YORK LICENSE WO EIGHT FOUR FOUR ONE. OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ALSO FURNISHED FOLLOWING NEW YORK LICENSE NUMBERS AS BEING SIGHTED IN KENT AT RESIDENCE
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